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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 08/881,586, filed on June 24, 1997, now U.S Patent No. 6,409,682 issued on June 25, 2002. The references not provided but listed on PTO Form 1449 were previously submitted in the above-referenced prior application and, therefore, are not required to be provided on this application.

The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed after three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in Section 1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but before the mailing date of either a final action under Section 1.113 or a notice of allowance under Section 1.311, whichever occurs first.

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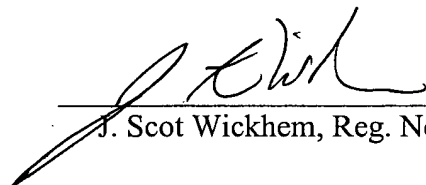
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Respectfully submitted,  
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